

## Key Acronyms and Technical Terms Defined

Acronym or Term	Description
AATS	Airport Area Transportation Study. A study of the transportation infrastructure in the vicinity of PTIA, which developed recommendations for future improvements.
Conformity Analysis	Demonstration that when the projects planned in the MTIP and LRTP are implemented the area will not exceed allowable motor vehicle emissions budgets.
Conformity Finding	Statement that the projects contained in the MTIP are essentially consistent with those listed in the LRTP and that no new Conformity Analysis is needed to account for noted differences.
CMS	Congestion Management System. A program of strategies for monitoring, evaluating, and addressing traffic congestion. Required for Transportation Management Areas.
CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program. A federal highway fund category for projects intended to improve air quality.
DENR	North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources.
Emissions Budget	See Conformity Analysis.
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement. Technical review of impacts caused by a project on the environment. Required by NEPA.
EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency.
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration (US Department of Transportation).
FTA	Federal Transit Administration (US Department of Transportation).
HTF	North Carolina State Highway Trust Fund.
MAB	Metropolitan Area Boundary. The boundary of the area within the transportation planning jurisdiction of an MPO.
Mobility Greensboro	GTA's Long Range Public Transportation Plan
MTIP	Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program. Current MTIP covers FY 04-10, took effect October 1, 2003.
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act. Federal law that requires consideration of environmental impacts for all major expenditures of federal funds.
PTIA	Piedmont Triad International Airport.
RABA	Revenue Aligned Budget Authority. A budget-balancing provision of TEA-21.
RPO	Rural Planning Organization. RPOs are partnerships among non-MPO counties, established to provide rural areas a greater voice in state transportation decisions affecting those areas.
Section 104(f) PL	Funds distributed through the Federal Highway Administration for transportation planning tasks.
Section 5307	Funds distributed through the Federal Transit Administration for public transportation capital assistance, operating assistance, and planning needs.
SIP	State Implementation Plan. The modeling analyses and the state and federal regulations demonstrating that the air in an area will meet National Ambient Air Quality Standards.
STIP	State Transportation Improvement Program—FY 04-10 STIP was adopted in June 2003.
STP-DA Funds	Statewide Transportation Planning funds that are Directly Apportioned to a TMA.
TEA-21	Transportation Equity Act for the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century. Current federal highway funding legislation.
TMA	Transportation Management Area: an urbanized area over 200,000 in population. The Greensboro MPO has been classified as a TMA as a result of Census 2000.
TPB	The NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch, formerly Statewide Planning Branch.
UA or UZA	Urbanized Area. The census-defined boundary that is the basis for establishing an MPO.
UPWP	Accounting document for use of planning grant funds; lists approved activities that these funds may reimburse. The UPWP guides transportation planning activities for the year.